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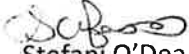
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To: Maryland Licensed Nursing Facilities

From:  Stefani O'Dea, Director Office of Older Adults and Long Term Services and Supports, Maryland Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)

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Subject: Maryland Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) program for Marylanders with serious mental illness.

In Maryland, the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) is responsible for reviewing any request for nursing facility admission for Marylanders who have a serious mental illness. This review and approval process is currently completed through BHA's Administrative Services Organization contractor, Beacon Health Options. Regulations governing PASRR are found in the Code of Federal Regulations, primarily at 42 CFR 483.100-138.

When a nursing facility is deemed the appropriate level of care for an individual with a serious mental illness, that individual may be in need of specialized behavioral health services while in the facility. Individuals may also require assistance with linking with behavioral health services when they are ready to return to the community.

Utilizing Money Follows the Person Rebalancing funds, BHA has created a new project called the Older Adult Behavioral Health PASRR Project. Six regional specialists are employed by local core service agencies to cover the state of Maryland. These specialists are a resource to behavioral health providers whose clients are aging and to aging providers whose clients are experiencing behavioral health issues.

These coordinators will be conducting follow up with individuals with serious mental illness who have been admitted to Maryland nursing facilities through the PASRR Program. Nursing facilities should consider the coordinator a resource provided by BHA to help nursing facilities meet the behavioral health needs of residents. The coordinators can assist with identifying specialized behavioral health services that the individual may need in the nursing facility, providing training and technical assistance on PASRR, and helping to identify community behavioral health resources for individuals who will return to the community. Below please find a list of the regional project contacts.

Regional and Project Contacts

| Region | Contact Person/ Agency |
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| Eastern Region | Mid- Shore Behavioral Health Inc |

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| Western Region Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick | Washington County Mental Health Authority Linda Cole, LCSW-C Office: 301-739-2490 X 111 Email: Lindac@wcmha.org |
| Central Region Cecil, Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, and Howard | Anne Arundel County Mental Health Authority Heather Hughes Phone: 410-980-8315 (Cell) 410-768-5522 ext: 187 Email: hhughes@aamentalhealth.org |
| Southern Region Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, and Saint Mary's. | Anne Arundel County Mental Health Authority Petula Phillander, MPH Office phone: 410-897-7042 Email: pphillander@aamentalhealth.org |
| Baltimore City | Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore Kola Bakre Office: 410.735.8540 Email: Kola.bakre@bhsbaltimore.org |
| Montgomery County | Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Mental Health Services for seniors and Persons with Disabilities Sybil Greenhut, APRN-BC Phone: 240 777-3962 email: Sybil.greenhut@montgomerycountymd.gov |
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| Beacon Health Options PASRR contact Information *The PASRR phone, fax and email will be monitored daily by the PASRR Coordinator and clinical staff. | Lauren Bateman, MS, RN 410-691-4054; 800-888-1965 x 214054 mdpasrr@beaconhealthoptions.com Fax: 1-877-502-1044 Attention: PASRR Coordinator/Lauren Bateman |

More information about the Federal PASRR requirements can be found at
<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/ltss/institutional/pasrr/index.html>
<https://bha.health.maryland.gov/Pages/olderadultbehavioralhealthandPASRR.aspx>